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Space alien shoot-out!

ARTIST'S conception shows the space-age gunfight as described by observers.

By LAUREL BOWIE

Five pip-squeak space aliens shot it out with ray guns in a Wild West-style showdown on a remote Peruvian plateau — and when the smoke cleared, the peewee E.T.s had all vanished into thin air!

"They had ray guns, or laser guns, like something from an old science fiction movie," said mining engineer Eleodoro Solari. "But there was nothing fictional about this.

"They were shooting at each other from behind boulders, and every time one of them was hit he'd just disappear like he'd never been there."

Unsuspecting Eleodoro and his partner Pedro Berrospe stumbled onto the bizarre spectacle while conducting a mining survey in an isolated region of Peru's Altiplano Plateau.

"We had seen a rather strange object in the sky a few minutes earlier and Eleodoro said it must be a UFO — and then we both laughed," Pedro recalled.

"But we drove our four-wheel drive in that direction just to look. We came over a little rise and there they were — the strangest creatures I've ever seen, shooting at each other with some kind of high-tech ray guns."

The gawky little gunslingers stood no more than 4 feet tall and their skin was silver-colored, the bewildered witnesses later told reporters.

The creatures vanished as they were shot, say startled eyewitnesses

A single hair anywhere on them," Pedro said. "Their voices were very shrill and they moved around like clumsy children."

The weird warriors were shooting it out from a distance of three yards, three of them on one side and two on the other.

"Every time one was zapped he would vanish right before our eyes," said dumbfounded Eleodoro, 44.

"After two minutes or so, there was only one of them left. And then he vanished, too — for no reason at all.

"We were so stunned, we just sat there in our truck, wondering what to do."

Eventually, the wide-eyed engineers drove to the village of Uscarpo 23 miles away and told cops about the alien gunplay. "We went in the area and searched for guns, but we found nothing," said Police Chief Carlos Souza. "But there were very high levels of radiation all around, so I'm convinced something unexplained occurred out there."

"I have known Eleodoro for 10 years and he is no liar. If he says there were strange creatures and there shootout at each other with

She uses wrong doc to dodge jury duty

A woman hoping to avoid federal jury duty sent a note from her doctor — but unfortunately for her the judge knew that the physician retired years ago.

Marie E. Lynch of Fairfax, Pa., got a lecture on civic duty and a $500 fine after admitting she forged the doctor's note stating she suffered from a backache. Judge Norma Shapiro turned the case over to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Mom stuffed her baby in suitcase, cops say

A mother was arrested on attempted murder charges after her baby was found bound and gagged inside a suitcase!

Authorities in Indianapolis said Portia Murray, 21, left her 9-month-old son, Tyler, in a suitcase in his grandparents' car.

The baby was discovered by his grandmother after his

an was arrested in Calumet City, Ill.

Officials said the little boy was in amazingly good condition after being treated for dehydration.

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8-year-old leukemia victim was cops' beloved mascot

Brave little 'officer' dies!

By DICK DONOVAN

"Special Police Officer Michael Lumpkin is 10-7!"

That's the radio code cops everywhere use when they go "out of service" . . . like for a lunch break or maybe a last cup of coffee.

It's also the message radioed out to cops on duty when one of their own is laid to rest in his grave.

It was broadcast a few weeks ago in Houston, Tex., when Spanish Officer Michael "Mikie" Lumpkin was buried with full police honors in Memorial Oaks Cemetery.

Officer Mikie didn't die in the line of duty. He died of leukemia — at the innocent, little-boy age of 8!

You see, Special Officer Mikie Lumpkin was the honored "mascot" of the Houston P.D., and as such, was a full-fledged member of the city's thin, blue line.

"He had his own uniform, just like ours," Officer Tom Bradshaw told The NEWS. "He had a real badge and cap and everything.

"We didn't consider him being outside the department. He was one of us — one of our own. That's why we buried him with full police honors."

With other members of his department, Bradshaw shares an average award in value money to and leukemia victims like Mikie.

Bradshaw and other officers were visiting the pediatrics unit at Houston's M.D. Anderson Hospital when they got their first look at the cute, outgoing youngster who was soon to become their police mascot.

"He just came walking down the hallway," Bradshaw recalled. "Just a little boy, one with those great big glasses and that great big smile. He put one our hearts then and there.

"We decided to make him the department's mascot. We made him a Special Officer and gave him his own uniform."

Over the following four years, a special bond was molded between Mikie and his fellow cops.

HOUSTON cops gave tragic Mikie a burial with full honors.

That was needed to keep their little buddy alive.

"He really loved those guys," Mikie's mom, Liz said. "He was a real kid, a very verbal child . . . very happy, very caring. He shared everything."

But the ravages of his terrible disease finally caught up with Mikie and he died in the hospital where he first met the men who were to play so important a role in his tragically brief life.

And because Mikie was truly one of their own, the men and women of Houston P.D. turned out in force to give their little comrade the sendoff they believed he deserved — a burial with full police honors.

And after the final prayers were said over his small, pewter-blue coffin, resting over the small spot grave in Memorial Oaks, a police dispatcher radioed a deaf cop's final message:

"Special Police Officer Mikie Lumpkin is 10-7."

Smoke bomb saves gal from snake

When a woman's pet boa constrictor clamped on to her fingers with its teeth and coiled around her arm, fast-thinking paramedics came up with a novel rescue plan — toss a smoke bomb into its cage.

"It was a highly creative solution to an unusual problem," said Kathlee Cha of the Orange County, Calif., Fire Department.

Lisa Stockheim, 30, had just put her hand inside the 8½-foot snake's cage to feed it when the big "became highly excited," Miss Cha said, and "wrapped itself very tightly around her arm and wrist and began to bite her fingers."

The woman screamed for help and paramedics arrived on the scene — but the balky boa wouldn't let loose. So, Miss Stockheim donned a gas mask and the serpent had smoke for lunch.

Pot plant raid is a bust

Cops stormed a Burger King after witnesses reported marijuana growing on the roof — and found out the "pot

People-eating politician makes shocking pledge:

'A missionary in every pot'

By BRETT FIELDING

Indonesian authorities are gagging over the tasteless campaign tactics of a would-be government leader so hungry for power he's promising savage cannibals "a missionary in every pot."

Umawa Widjaja, the college-educated chief of an isolated Stone Age tribe suspected of still practicing cannibalism in the remote jungles of what used to be Dutch New Guinea, is vying for a seat in Indonesia's national legislature.

And shocked critics claim the unscrupulous leader is feeding his people-eating pagans a steady diet of promises to make head-hunting and the devouring of human flesh legal again.

"Widjaja's conduct is more than an affront to public decency," fumed Alsing Kaltupan, an official with the People's Consultative Assembly.

"It's a direct attack on the courageous missionaries — Moslem, Hindu and Christian — who try to bring a measure of civilization to the ignorant tribes who live in that God-forsaken area that's now called Irian Jaya.

"These primitives only feast on the flesh of strangers — and the only strangers are these men of God. So, what Widjaja is doing, in effect, is promising them 'a missionary in every pot' if they send him to the legislature."

Indonesia, Kaltupan explained, has made a determined effort to stamp out the abominable practices of head-hunting and cannibalism since taking over the western half of New Guinea 15 years ago. "We launched an educational program — with the whole-hearted assistance of the missionaries — to persuade the savage inhabitants to abandon their old ways to give up these evil rituals," he said.

"We were succeeding, too. Numerous incidents — like the gruesome death of one of the super rich Rockefeller heirs — were becoming rarer and rarer.

"He, unfortunately, wandered into cannibal country while on a scientific expedition.

"Now this. It's an outrage. The government is furious — and the missionaries based in Jayapura, the capital of the region, are denouncing Widjaja's name to stricken from the ballot because he won't stop his unappetizing election antics."

The wacko candidate wants a return to basics — head-hunting and cannibalism!

CHIEF Umawa Widjaja is running for the national assembly of his country and wants to make human flesh-eating legal.

Reportedly, a close associate of Indonesian President Suharto recently gave the cannibalistic candidate a vicious tongue-lashing for embarrassing the government. "If Widjaja doesn't change his ways after that showing out, the government will have no other choice but to declare him ineligible as a candidate," Kaltupan sighed.

Widjaja was not available for comment. An aide said the legislative hopeful was too busy attending a series of feasts with tribal leaders in the bush.

Parents force 8-year-old to live like animal, cops say

KID IN A CAGE

Andrew Crosby and his wife Brigettitha dealt out nightmare punishments to their 8-year-old son, police say. They shut the boy up in a cage in the backyard, beat him and fed him bread and water, according to authorities.

Now the Los Angeles couple are facing punishment themselves as angry authorities press charges of felony child endangerment against them. If convicted, they each could get as much as nine years in prison for the crime.

"Both parents beat him regularly, but no one knows why," said Deputy District Attorney John Gilligan, who is prosecuting the unidentified couple. "He was forced to sleep under the family car in the backyard or inside a metal cage. He suffered from severe malnutrition, and when he misbehaved his parents beat him."

According to Gilligan, the little boy's plight was discovered by a kindly neighbor. The woman had heard the child being beaten and called in Crosby and his wife to stop hitting the child, the [illegible] down his body, on his arms and legs — every inch of him.

"He was forced to sleep under the family car in the backyard or inside a metal cage. He suffered from severe malnutrition, and when he misbehaved his parents beat him."

In court, the courageous little victim spoke out about the horrible treatment he had received. He described sleeping under the car on a piece of cardboard. Pointing to [illegible] and asked the woman, "Can I stay here for the rest of my life?" Gilligan said.

The woman called authorities, who found the child suffering from bruises, black eyes, difficulty in walking, swollen limbs, and fractures of the hands, wrists and forearms.

The child identified the weapons his parents used to beat him with, and told the court that he was forced to sleep in a five-foot-square wire cage in a metal shed in his backyard. The door was [illegible] head and on my face so the pain don't get on my face."

[illegible] he testified, but he was too terrified to leave it.

"I couldn't go out," he said. "If I did I would get in trouble."

Trouble means being forced by his parents to run around the backyard for hours after school, never being allowed to rest, the boy said. Trouble meant a diet of bread and water, the child recalled.

Defense attorneys admitted that the child had been hit by the couple, but said that much of the boy's testimony was "high drama." But Gilligan described the prosecution's case as strong.

— SUSAN [illegible]

Dog's doo-doo is owner's undoing

Steven Powe didn't scrape the mess off the sidewalk after his dog did his business there. And he didn't scrape up the [illegible] he needed to pay a fine for his neglect.

Bride is shocked when hubby becomes a gal!

BEFORE: Newly groom Ian Haynes kisses his new bride at their wedding reception. Wife Liz has vowed to stay with her husband — even though he's turning into a woman!

AFTER: Hubby Ian Haynes as he looks today. He has begun hormone therapy that, along with surgery, will turn him into a full-fledged woman.

By JOE BERGER

Bewildered bride Liz Haynes has vowed to stick by new hubby Ian even though her kooky groom recently knocked her for a loop — by transforming himself from a hairy-chested he-man to a hip-swinging gal!

Oddball Ian, 30, shocked luckless Liz by announcing he'd begun hormone treatments in preparation for a full-blown sex-change operation sometime soon.

And ever since the great announcement, the Johnny-come-lately lady has been strutting around in powder and paint, toting a purse and sporting a lacy padded bra.

"This came right out of the blue and it's left me in a spin, to say the least," the baffled bride told reporters in Aylesbury, England.

"But he's still my husband, and we're just going to have to work out some kind of arrangement. I don't know how, but we will.

"It's hard to take because he always seemed like such a macho man. I never dreamed he really wanted to be a woman."

But Ian's mystified missus wasn't the only one jolted by the sudden oldsmobile.

Students in the high school computer class Ian teaches couldn't believe their eyes when the sex-swap newsie swayed into class in a skirt and high heels and told them: "Just call me Carol."

But while the kids seemed a bit confused at first, the make-believe belle's fellow teachers got a real kick out of their colleague's gender-bending shenanigans.

"When Ian walked in here dressed up in the altogether, I nearly wet myself laughing," said one longtime teacher.

"He walks more like a super than a woman."

School bosses have made no move to fire the phony feminine, and they've set aside a special rest room for her — because neither the guys nor the gals want him in theirs.

But some aren't sure just how long the drag-queen curse can hold out.

"I think he will end up leaving the school because everyone is making jokes and wolf-whistling as he walks down the corridors," said a 16-year-old student.

But despite the ribbing he's endured and the pain he's caused his bride of 18 months, way-out Ian says he's determined to become a skip-and-tuck Cinderella.

"My life as a man has been a sham for a long time and I've just decided to do something about it," he told reporters.

Bizarre medical lawsuit filed!

In a bizarre medical lawsuit, a Canadian court will have to decide who owns a dead woman's artificial heart valve — her family or the hospital that implanted it.

The family of Jeremy Hallock, who died last year after the valve broke apart inside her, is suing the manufacturer.

But the hospital where the valve was implanted won't give it to family members so they can pursue their claims of negligence unless they release the hospital from any possible civil action.

Now the family is suing the hospital to obtain the valve.

Singing tree

Thousands of people have flocked to see — and hear — a singing tree near Bangkok, Thailand.

The tree sings three times a day, tunes ranging from old Thai folk songs to the greatest hits of Al Jolson. "It's a miracle," a local priest said. "The tree sings beautifully."

It's hard to tell if Vernal Sellars is coming or going when he's out cruising in his modified Honda Civic. The salvage yard owner from Marion, Ill., welded together the front ends from a pair of the front wheel drive cars, after saving them in half behind the front doors. Sellars, 48, says the car is street legal, and better yet, "You can drive it either way!" Another good point — there's no room for a backseat driver.

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Bizarre case of mistaken identity costs man his life

Pat Harrington thinks his baby brother Edward died because of a case of mistaken identity.

Ed, of St. Paul, Minn., died to death from a stab wound in the neck from a fight, say cops.

The man police arrested in connection with the fight turned out to be almost a dead ringer for Pat. Pat believes his brother may have mistaken the man for him and called him an insulting name that was the custom between the brothers.

The incident happened on a dark corner at night.

"Ed probably nudged him in a friendly way and called him a name he usually calls me," said Pat.

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Mom strangles little daughter who wanted to go to heaven!

By SUSAN JIMISON

Mom Luan Hope Houghton wanted to give her daughter Skylene, 6, her fondest wish — so she killed her!

The Grass Valley, Calif., woman said her daughter had begged her to "play the game that would send her to heaven" and she had finally given in and done the deed.

The little girl was found dead of strangulation in a ditch in a rural area and the mother was convicted of first-degree murder.

"The little girl was bright," said attorney Richard Campbell, who defended Luan Houghton, 33. "Skylene worked on her mother to kill her.

"Mrs. Houghton wanted to help her child and her own life. It was a supportive act. She wanted to put her out of her misery."

According to defense testimony, little Skylene — a kindergartner at dark-skinned she was often mistaken for black — frequently talked about suicide. On more than one occasion she leaped into the road in front of cars.

Her incessant chattering about death and heaven convinced her mother the child would be better off dead.

Mrs. Houghton said during her trial she thought her daughter was being taunted and discriminated against because of her color and she wanted to end her daughter's torment.

"I put her to sleep," the woman said, adding that she felt she had done the right thing. "I asked her why she wanted to play this game. She said heaven was a better place to be. It was quiet there. She didn't want to be here."

The pair drove to an abandoned shack where she said her daughter told her that this would be "a good place to play the game."

"I asked her what she meant," Mrs. Houghton testified. "She said, 'It's time to play the game'... time for her to go to heaven. My daughter did not want to be here anymore. She was going through a lot of misery, a lot of pain."

The woman didn't deny she killed her daughter, but said she didn't recall the act. She said she does remember looking at her child and thinking, "There you go, baby, you got your wish."

"She was safe. She was not hurting anymore," she said.

The prosecution contended Mrs. Houghton carefully planned the murder. The jury agreed, and convicted Mrs. Houghton of murder. She now faces 25 years to life in prison.

You got your wish, woman tells dead girl

DESPITE Luan Hope Houghton's claim that her little girl wanted to die, a jury convicted the killer mom of first-degree murder.

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Fish man lives in his bathtub for 43 years!

By IRWIN FISHER

An incredible fish man has spent the past 43 years in a bathtub full of water!

Bertil Hagelin, 85, of Malmo, Sweden, only leaves his watery home to go to the toilet. He says his unique life-style is so healthful he never gets sick.

He even believes he'll live to be 200.

"I didn't set out to spend my life in a bathtub but that's the way it worked out," Hagelin told reporters. "I was still in my 30s when I realized how good it felt to lay back in the tub.

"I finally decided 'what the heck' — and moved in for good."

Hagelin — called Fish Man by his friends — began his amazing sojourn in the six-foot, cast iron tub in 1946. His parents provided him with food and other necessities until they died in the 1960s. Since then family friends have seen to it that he is taken care of.

He also has a doctor who makes housecalls to ensure that his health remains good.

"Bertil is really one-of-a-kind. That's for sure," Dr. Sigurd Ribbus told reporters. "His skin is opaque and horribly shriveled from exposure to water. But that's the only bad effect I've found.

"He is 85 years old but doesn't look a day over 60. It's almost as if his leisurely life-style and contact with water has stopped him from aging.

"He swears that he'll live to be a couple of hundred years old and who knows? He just might pull it off."

Wet weirdo says he's so healthy he'll make it to 200 years old

Hagelin admits that life in a tub can get lonely at times. He usually amuses himself by watching television or reading newspapers.

"My parents were wealthy so I don't have to worry about money," said Hagelin. "In fact, the only thing I do have to worry about is changing my water, which I do about 14 times a day.

"People ask me if I'll ever get out of the tub," he added, "and I tell them, no way. This living's easy here and I like it.

"I couldn't ask for more."

Toilet toss

California athletes plunged into the competitive spirit of the second annual World Championship Toilet Toss. New world records were set in each division at the Placerville, Calif., contest, with the men's champion tossing the toilet 38 feet, 8 inches and the female champ getting off a 14-foot, 11-inch effort. Winners of the porcelain crowns got $200 each.

Gas station loses bizarre addiction suit

The owner of a gas station was ordered to pay $542,500 to the family of a man who hanged himself because the fumes from the station supposedly rekindled his former addiction to sniffing gasoline!

The parents of the Worcester, Mass., man said their son's addiction was under control until workers dug up a leaking underground gasoline tank.

Oldster's advice

Unmarried mother of three, Miss Callie Young of Lebanon, Ohio, passed along her secret for a long, fulfilling life when she died at 114 — a week ago.

Lawn nut kills little boy for snapping tree limbs!

Angry homeowner Clinton Epps grabbed his gun and killed a 7-year-old boy — because the kid had broken branches off of his carefully pruned tree.

Epps, 64, said he didn't mean to shoot the boy, but a prosecutor said Epps "put his left hand on the boy's head, drew him close and shot him."

Robert D. Macklin died from a gunshot to the forehead and his mom, Constance Bennett, 32, was wounded twice as they sat in her car in East St. Louis, Ill.

Epps had been feuding with the boy's family for months, complaining about the tree limbs, cops said.

Epps was found guilty of first-degree murder and attempted first-degree murder.

Vendor dies in burning shoe pile

A roadside shoemaker was so upset when sanitation workers set fire to his pile of shoes that he jumped in the blazing pile and burned to death!

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Hero granny dies to save tot!

By SUSAN JAMISON

Joan Burke gave the ultimate gift to the little grandson she adored — her life.

The courageous 44-year-old woman died saving toddler Christian Wyrick from a speeding car. Without hesitation, she pushed his stroller out of harm's way, putting her own body in the path of the killer automobile.

"She saw the car coming through the red light and she pushed him out of the way," said the Scarborough, Canada, woman's daughter, Joan Wyrick. "She saved his life.

"He was her first grandchild and she loved him very much. You couldn't separate them. He survived and that's what she would have wanted."

Mrs. Burke was taking care of Christian, 11 months, while Joan, his mother, worked. She went shopping with the baby and was crossing a busy intersection on the way home when the tragic accident occurred.

Suddenly out of nowhere a car hurtled through a red light, driving straight toward the baby's stroller.

"Police say that 99 percent of people would have frozen in terror," Joan told The NEWS. "And the other one percent would have placed the stroller between themselves and the car coming toward them.

"But my mother didn't have time to help Christian first, even if it meant the one pushing herself in danger."

Mrs. Burke was fatally injured by the car, which threw her several yards through the air.

Baby Christian was unhurt, thanks to his grandmother.

"I think he would be dead if mom hadn't pushed him out of the way," said Joan, 24. "She was a real heroine.

"She couldn't have lived with herself if it had happened the other way around — if she had survived and Christian had died. She would have wanted it that way."

The driver and another man in the car died but were later apprehended. The driver was charged with several counts of [illegible]

CHRISTIAN Wyrick gets a hug from his mother Joan Wyrick whose own mother Joan Burke right died to save the toddler from a speeding car

Blind bridegroom & wife do sexy striptease in bizarre beach protest

Blind Bobby Martin Stewart and his bride tried to make a point about disabled people — by stripping to have sex in front of 300 onlookers on a beach.

The crowd cheered as Martin and Helen, his wife, began to remove their clothes and embrace under a blanket on the deserted beach. When the couple ignored the warnings of cops in Sydney, Australia, they were dragged away from Bondi Beach and charged with offensive behavior in public.

The Melbourne couple said they wanted to show that disabled people could have perfectly normal sexual relations.

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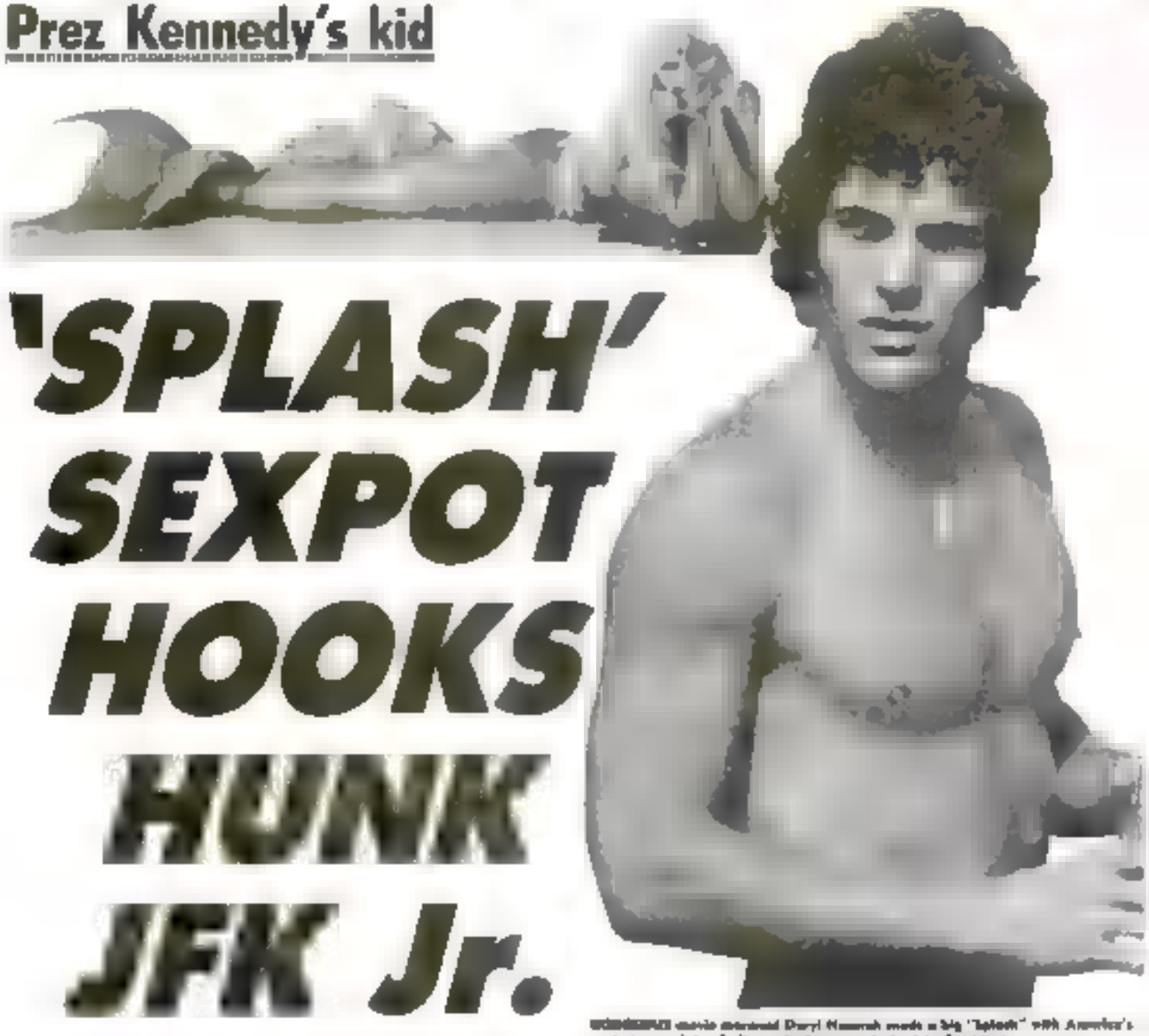
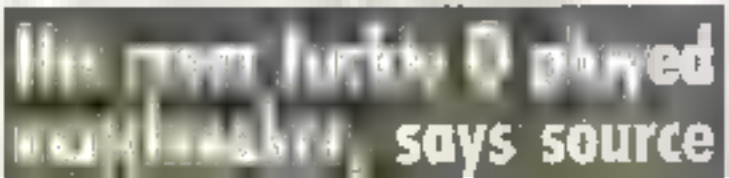


'SPLASH' SEXPOT HOOKS HUNK JFK Jr.

WORLDWIDE movie mermaid Daryl Hannah made a big "Splash" with America's hottest guy, John F. Kennedy Jr., son of the late President

Gossipy blabbermouths have been trying to pair off All-American hunk **JFK Jr.** with rocker **Madonna** for years, but the big flash is that the handsome hunk IS dating a celeb beauty — and the lucky gal is big screen mermaid **Daryl Hannah**.



The perfect pair were sighted out on a fun evening as they hung out at a series of trendy bars in the Big Apple. One of the fun-spots hit by the beautiful duo was Automatic Slim's, a southern-style joint in the West Village section.

"They were here, all right," said Slim's co-boss Craig Phillips.

"We get a mixed crowd from Wall Street executives to movie stars to regular people, so it wasn't surprising."

Leggy Daryl, in a sassy white mini

black pants suit, and hip John, in slacks, sweater and sports jacket, stopped in for a couple of drinks and to take in the popular rhythm and blues music.

"She was at a party at his mom's house the week before," Craig said. "Perhaps that's where they met."

After hanging out at Slim's the cute pair cropped over to a club called Shenanigans Alley and then on to Hunger S.T.P. where they shut good until the wee hours. — New York Post staff sources.

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There's nothing sweeter than a rock 'n' roll feud and a dandy one is on the pitfalls between rubber-lipped Mick Jagger and his old fishing friend Keith Richards.

Keith is pissed at Mick for going on all his own to record a solo album featuring the United States band Wet Willie.

"The only reason I haven't got Mick is I don't want to go to jail," chortled Keith. "He should stop playing Stones songs with a phony band."

"If he's going solo he should do his own solo stuff." — Rolling Stone.

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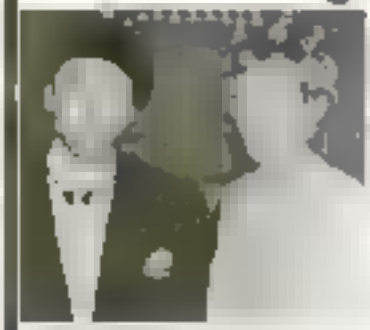
Paper-shredding beauty Paula Hall, the hot-pot sexpot of Boston, Mass., got her just deserts in the proud of Dirty Linen Day. They are the papers behind the papers.

"All of the glue that sticks your lives together is what I'm," said Paula, who stood in front of the Iran-Contra hearings as Col. Ollie North's gal Friday.

"You are responsible for seeing that the links stay tight. If the doesn't, you don't sleep."

Energy Secretary Jim Watt was a bit with

'Married to Mob' beauty loses loving leading man



Mike Hammer and wife Cherie.

At last year's gorgeous Married to the Mob beauty Michelle Pfeiffer had gotten cozy with her leading man John Malkovich.

Michelle and John found that life imitated art while filming the steamy French classic Les Liaisons Dangereuses in which he plays the dashing rake Vicomte de Valmont and she is his prey.

Now, word comes that John has flown back to the loving arms of actress-wife Glenne Headly and Michelle's left singing the blues. — New York Post.

Michelle Pfeiffer

Fuming astronauts blast John Denver's space talk

FIRST SECRETARY Anne Heath told at

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The Devil's Triangle — the truth at last!

The Devil's Triangle is an area in the Atlantic Ocean bounded by a line from Miami, Fla., to just south of Bermuda, south to Puerto Rico and back to Miami. Thousands of mysterious events and disappearances have taken place there.

It is actually a gateway to eternity — and thousands have entered paradise alive!

By RAGAN GUNN

The Devil's Triangle is a gateway to eternity — that opens 16 times a year!

That's the mind-blowing claim of Dutch physicist Ludwig Hamming, who interviewed 75 people claiming to have had supernatural experiences in the Triangle, and determined that half of them came within a hair of entering the hereafter alive.

"This is the most incredible proof of life after death on record," Dr Hamming told reporters in Amsterdam.

"Thirty-seven of the people I spoke with had amazingly similar glimpses of an afterlife while they were flying or sailing through the Devil's Triangle.

"In almost every case they encountered severe wind or electrical storms and blacked out — only to find themselves walking into a black tunnel that ultimately led to an open space bathed in a brilliant white light.

"Many of these witnesses went on to meet dead friends and relatives. Others said they were escorted out of the tunnel by either God or Jesus Christ himself.

"In one case a man's dead uncle told him he had entered (such) eternity. But he insisted that he explore go back through the tunnel to the world of the living."

Dr Hamming's stunning report touched off a storm of controversy among scientists around the world. According to newspapers, Dr Hermann Engelhard, the German physicist, was especially critical — describing the Dutch researcher's study "an outrageous flight of fantasy."

"I expected criticism and it certainly does seem like I'm getting it," said Dr Hamming. "But I can assure you that my work is serious.

"And I do have quite a body of evidence to support my belief that the Devil's Triangle is a portal to a world beyond our own.

"Time and time I have found that the victims of paranormal experiences with astounding regularity. I am also convinced that thousands of pilots, sailors and vacationers who have vanished in the area actually made it into paradise alive."

Dr Hamming went on to say that many of the people he interviewed had seen unfinished boats and airplanes at the end of the tunnel. "It is my belief that these lost ships and planes of men and women who vanished in the Devil's Triangle, never to be seen again," the expert said. Dr Hamming's study led him to believe that the mysterious gateway opens at least 16 times a year.

He has theorized that the swirlings outside with magnetic and gravitational fluctuations that have long been known to exist in the Triangle may be a signal yet unexplainable to calculate when or if the gate-way will open again.

Dr Phillip A. Velsaert the Swiss parapsychical psychiatrist, spoke highly of Dr Hamming's research. He told reporters:

"The results of his study should compel us to rethink everything we have ever believed about the Devil's Triangle the hereafter — and possibly even life itself."

Keep on trunk-ing

Phil Bridges does a miniature trunk and gets a squeak from his elephant friend. The affectionate pachyderm and his human buddy were at a fair in Gainesville, Fla., where Dumbo gave rides to the kids.

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Courage of the INCREDIBLE CRAWLING WOMAN

DETERMINED: Marilyn Myers crawls toward her goal of learning to walk again.

By SUSAN JAMISON

Call brave Marilyn Myers the incredible crawling woman!

Pretty Marilyn is paralyzed from the waist down, but she wants to walk again — and inch by inch, foot by foot, she is crawling toward her goal.

The courageous St. Petersburg, Fla., mom spends hours every day crawling on her hands and knees, trying to strengthen muscles doctors told her she'd never use again. Incredibly, she is already seeing the results of her efforts.

"Already I can make my legs move in a crawling position, although I can't lock my knees to stand yet," she said. "I'm working on that now. I don't know what will happen, but I have to move if I'm alive."

Marilyn, 34, was seriously injured in a toboganning accident while vacationing in Colorado last December. Her spine was compressed, pinching the spinal cord and paralyzing her from the waist down.

The former dancer, who had been an active, healthy woman, was devastated. The terrible tragedy left her depressed and suicidal.

"I had no feeling and no movement in my legs and the doctors said there was no way I'd walk again," she recalled. "But I won't be a prisoner in a wheelchair."

Convinced that her body could heal itself, Marilyn — who owns a therapeutic massage and exercise clinic in St. Petersburg — decided she'd design a special program for herself. She began to move her body and as the months passed she improved. "I believe the spinal cord nerves can reconnect or take other pathways," the determined divorcee said.

"So I started crawling three months ago at a local park.

"When I started off I was totally paralyzed. I went two or three feet in a time period of 15 or 20 minutes and was really sweating from the effort. Now I can crawl 600 or 700 feet in that time. I can crawl up hills. I'm getting muscle tone. I can feel the contractions of my muscles."

Although doctors warned her she'd never regain use of the muscles in her lower body, she already has proven them wrong. And she's planning to rehabilitate her humiliating progress until she's back on her feet again.

"My goal is to be whole," Marilyn said.

"I want to walk again."

I won't be a prisoner in a wheelchair, says crippled mom who's determined to walk again

MARILYN exercises to strengthen muscles doctors said would never work again.

Stop being so nice to kids, toll collector is told by his bosses

A hardhearted toll collector has been told to stop handing out treats to children because he's causing traffic jams.

"I've been doing it for 10 years and all of a sudden they want me to stop," said kid-loving George Stafford, 78, who has three grandchildren.

Stafford has brought smiles to children's faces, passing out candy and gum to youngsters who pay his bridge toll.

But Pinellas County Commissioner Robert Berry, said he doesn't encourage toll collectors to give rather than receive.

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Grime doesn't pay!

Cops see through fugitive's mud disguise

Muddled cops were bogged down in their search for a robbery suspect hiding out in a swampy field — until they tripped over his muck-camouflaged body.

"It was amazing," said Winona, Ga., Police Chief Bobby Reed. "We were right on top of him — and literally didn't know it.

"The suspect covered himself head to toe with icky mud and was lying motionless on his back. He blended right in with the surroundings. We might have passed by him a couple of times — and thought he was just another lump of slime or a tree stump."

The slippery fugitive, 44-year-old Jimmy Long of Miccosukee, Fla., is now stuck in jail on charges of robbing a convenience store of an undisclosed sum of money.

Before fleeing on his ready getaway bicycle, police noted, Long was outside another convenience store when he glanced out the window and noticed a suspicious policeman checking out his car, cops said. That's when he vanished for the swampy, woodsy area.

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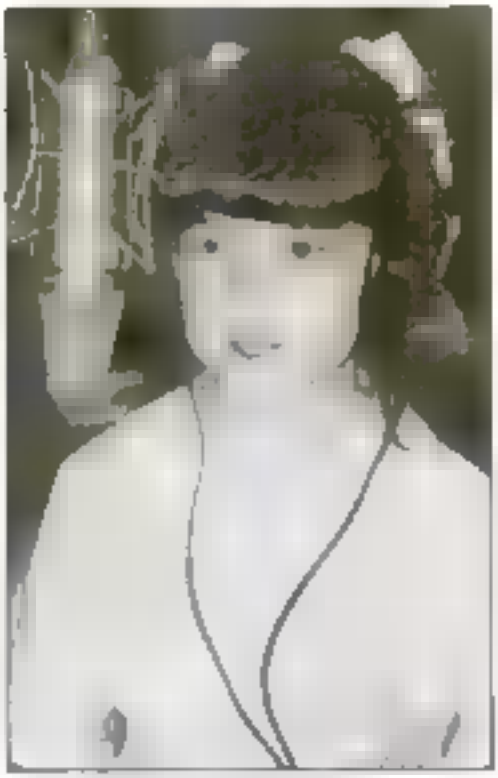

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Gal collects $50G for nightmares

A woman who claimed she had nightmares after a motorcyclist crashed into her family's car has been awarded $50,000 from the dead man's estate.

Debora Bechard was riding in a car driven by her husband when they collided with motorcyclist Chris Halbauer in 1978, according to Canadian court records.

Mrs. Bechard of Windsor, Ontario said she saw the motorcycle run through a stop sign and hit their car, then watched in horror as Halbauer was tossed off the windshield and landed in the road on top of his motorcycle.

He was killed when he was run over by another car.

After the accident, Mrs. Bechard began suffering from nervousness, insomnia and recurring nightmares, according to the lawsuit against Halbauer's estate.

'Wonder Dog' dies

Jet — the "Wonder Dog" — who captured the hearts of America's animal lovers when he survived a 30-day trip in a freezer — is dead.

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By HENRY WEBER

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Little critter's incredible journey took 2 years!

"Fifi was scratched up and half-starved when she got here — after all, the trip took her two years," Roger Benjean, the critter's master, told reporters in Marseilles, France.

"Getting back home was such an incredible act of loyalty and love that I still have trouble believing it.

"But there's no question that she's my Fifi.

"The first thing she did when I picked her up was jump into my shirt pocket. That always was her favorite place."

Benjean said the mind-boggling animal drama began to unfold when he took the mouse to a friend's house in Calais in 1994. While there he got into a poker game — and lost all the cash he had.

"I had a good hand but ended up betting on bad cards," said Benjean.

"Unfortunately my cards weren't good enough.

"It broke my heart, but I lost her."

After Benjean returned to his home in Marseilles he telephoned his friend, Jean Krimer, and offered to buy Fifi back.

By that time several days had passed — and the mouse was already gone.

"Henri told me Fifi escaped from her cage a few hours after I left and that he hadn't seen her since," said Benjean.

"I really was heartsick. I figured she'd gotten out of the house and disappeared for good."

At that point Benjean gave up all hope of ever seeing the tiny critter again. But twenty-five months later, on October 2, the little mouse appeared at the door and scratched on the door until he let her in.

"I've been thinking about all the things Fifi had to go through to get back home and it really does boggle the mind," Benjean told newsmen.

"She had to get by dogs and cats, people and traffic, rivers and lakes. She must have incredible homing instincts.

"I guess she's pretty lucky, too.

"A grown man would have trouble making the same journey.

"But a tiny white mouse made through it with flying colors, just a little the worse for wear."

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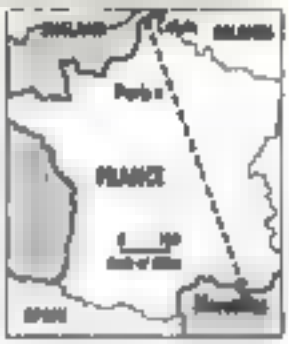

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Leukemia victim gets 1,000,000 cards

British leukemia victim Mario Morby will go into the 1998 Guinness Book of World Records — thanks to a postcard-writing campaign launched in America!

So far, 13-year-old Mario has received more than 1 million postcards

This 9-month-old tot can't walk yet — but boy does he soar!

THE DARING YOUNG TYKE ON THE FLYING TRAPEZE!

By ROSE GRADY

Anthony Roussouw glides through the air with the greatest of ease — he's a 9-month-old tyke on the flying trapeze!

Down at ground level, tow-haired Anthony is still at the crawling stage of life. But the tot who can't even toddle is already swinging to stardom with the famed Gandey's Circus in Sinaland.

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SUPER-CONFIDENT Anthony Roussouw is a good height with daddy Tony — who allows the circus flyer without a net.

Dad's dead — & here's the bill!

The tragedy of a man found in a park didn't learn of his death until three weeks later — when they got a towing bill addressed to his estate.

Heart-attack victim George Wood, 67, was found dead in the parking lot of a New York City restaurant, two days after he had been reported missing from his home in Middletown, N.J.

New York cops said they notified New Jersey authorities, who apparently failed to tell Wood's next of kin.

X-rated videocassette competition leads to bloody street shootouts!

The Pakistani government imposed a curfew in Karachi after nine people perished in shootouts between the owners of rival video shops.

Officials said the fighting broke out after the businessmen, who were not identified, got into an argument over the rental of pornographic films.

Video shops do a booming business in Pakistan. Authorities strictly censor films on state television, which contributes mightily to the popularity of X-rated videocassettes.

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"Anthony Jr. was a daddy's boy from the start. He never takes his eyes off me when he's at work.

"It is sheer delight and joy for him," she said.

"He wants to be up there all the time."

Six to eight times a day, baby Anthony takes to the air. With one hand clutching his bottle and the other gripped firmly by his dad, he goes through his paces like a real circus pro.

"I want trapeze flying to become second nature to him," Tony explained.

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Slender 'supermen' save mom from being crushed by her car!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Terrified mom Terry Richard was being crushed to death under the wheels of her 3,200-pound car when two slightly-built lumberjacks came to her aid — and lifted it off of her with their bare hands.

The superhuman heroes of the incredible mobility drama Frank Coleman, looking wet in Redding, Calif., were Gary Their combined weight could Roberson, 48, and John Mc not have been 350 pounds."
Clellan, 38.

"What they did to rescue Mrs. Richard drove her Pon-her 4000 pound tiac into Redding Memorial Hospital," said police officer Lee a rescue-minute move-ment

stations for gas, but couldn't pull up as the pumps because other cars were in the way.

After putting the car in neutral, she climbed out, carrying her 15-month-old son.

"But the car slipped into gear and rolled backward. She opened the door and tried to put the gear in 'park' but the door knocked her down," said Officer Coleman. "The left front wheel passed her to the pavement."

Her little boy rolled free and wasn't hurt.

Roberson and lumberjack McClellan grabbed the front end of her car and mother-of-darlip lifted it up as she rolled out from under it.

The super lucky mother was treated at a hospital for chest bruises and later released.

"Gary Roberson came inside and said he and that guy John had lifted up the car and she got out," said night clerk Woody Wright. "Gary was shaking so bad he couldn't even write and our pay-checks."

"He doesn't look like he could lift a flyweight, but he's a heck of a lot stronger than he looks," she said.

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Gal's boyfriend steals her dad's ashes, say cops

A man having an argument with his girlfriend broke into her house, beat her up and took the urn containing her dad's ashes, say Tallahassee, Fla., cops.

The 30-year-old man was charged with burglary with intent to commit battery, battery and removing an urn containing human remains.

The urn was returned to the woman intact.

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Stop bashing those peace-loving Commies

Editors: I'm sick and tired of the constant ridicule of the Soviet Union and the Russian people you foster in your paper.

In case you haven't noticed, Mikhail Gorbachev is going out of his way to bring peace to the world. If it wasn't for our stiff-necked, entrenched leaders, we'd probably have been able to get rid of our nuclear weapons by now.

Meanwhile Ronald Reagan and his war-mongering advisers have refused time and again to negotiate seriously for arms control. It seems that all these right-wing Reaganites want to do is build more and more missiles and Star War systems.

Your community making fun

BREWSTER — Reader says Russian deputy Mikhail Gorbachev is a peace-lover

Address your letter to Editor, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, FL 33462. We reserve the right to edit your letters.

fun of Gorbachev and bashing the Russians is not helping the cause of peace. Stop your commie-bashing. — Seeing Red in Rhode Island

We received that gun in-cluded a return address and phone number in your letter. But you neglected to include the identification number on your membership card to the Communist Party you pinko-loving jerk! — Editors

He's had his fill of Liz and Dick

Editors: I love reading the gossip in your paper, but I get really annoyed up over your item with the headline "Liz still loves Dick, says Burton's widow."

Hey, who cares? Over the years, I read so many Elizabeth Taylor-Richard Burton items. I could puke. As far as I'm concerned, that's one couple who made almost their struggle I have they married and divorced twice, but I never once thought "love" or "romance" had anything to do with it. I think they were just after headlines to bolster their fad-ing careers. They made a bunch of movies together and every one of them stank, including Cleopatra, the movie which brought them together.

Richard Burton was very overrated as an actor. If he could have acted as good as he drank, he would have been great. But he couldn't.

And Liz is shy idea of a spoiled woman.

I thought with Burton dead, the Liz and Dick items would stop until you printed this one I'm complaining about.

Why don't you put this envelope compare to bed already. Enough is enough. — P.R., Dallas, Tex.

Permanently most of our readers are sick and annoyed by Liz and Dick rag-related nonsense in the world and we don't have any right to argue. — Editors

Drunk docs shouldn't monkey around

Editors: That story about surgeons attaching a chimp's face to a cop's body just goes to prove how stupid scientists can be. Why on the world would they pick an ugly animal like a chimpanzee for their experiment?

After all, if this weird operation proves successful what can they do with it? No body in their right mind would want to have a chimp's head. A pooch (and I don't mean an ugly one) or even a good-looking dog. But nobody's gonna want to look like a chimp. — T.B.M., Chicago, Ill.

When it comes to minding business, scientists usually take the cake. — Editors

UGLY — Stupid scientists plucked up an ugly animal to transplant on a human body. We also wrote a chimp's heart, says reader.

My mommy is a mean-mouthed old biddy

Dear Dotti: I love my mother very much, but I have to admit that sometimes she's not a very nice person. She criticizes me all the time telling me my cooking stinks, my housekeeping is horrible and my kids are unkempt and ill-bred.

She sometimes helps me, especially if I ask her to and I'm grateful that she puts up with my failings.

It's just that every now and then I'd like to tell her that I feel that when she talks down to me she does it with a sneer. It's as if I'm a second-rate person. — Dutiful Daughter, South Dakota

Dear Dutiful: Let's face it — you don't love your mother. Nobody in her right mind could love the mean old biddy.

Tell the old biddy off and send her packing. She's got no business poking around in your affairs.

Fob has fat on the brain

Dear Dotti: I have a problem but my problem is not about love. My problem is about weight loss. Right now I weigh 135 pounds even though I am only 5-foot-5-inches tall.

My friends say I'm not fat, but I know I am. I want to lose weight but every time I go to lose it I just eat more. I tried making myself throw up after meals, but it feels terrible.

My job doesn't help because I work at a fast food restaurant and watch customers and watch constantly. I can't lose my job because I need the money really bad. Please help me if you can — I'm only 18 years old. — Fatso in Philadelphia

Dear Fatso: You have a weight problem, honey, but it has nothing to do with your shoulder on your head. You have a weight problem that's affecting your brain. It's fast-food and fat pounds you need to do the food business. Listen to your friends and stop dining in how weight! If you find you can't kick the habit of seeing yourself as a fatso, get professional help.

Diaper Dan fans has a problem

Dear Dotti: Although I'm a virgin, I have to date embarrassing diapers because I am incontinent due to a medical problem.

I'm good looking and lots of girls are attracted to me but I'm afraid to ask them out because they might leave my room.

How can I find someone who likes me as dad? — Diaper Dan, Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Diaper Dan: Try Depends.

Bored gal is a real snore

Dear Dotti: I am a woman of 24 and I am very bored with my life. I have two children who are grown up, every way and a nice husband of two years who is a very boring person.

I feel that I have nothing to look forward to in my life. I have no goals and I am bored most of the time. Nothing interests me, nothing could make me. My life is just boring.

I want to have an interesting life.

I know I need to do something exciting, but I don't think of anything. Can you help me?

How can I get something interesting to happen? — Bored in California

Dear Bored: I tried to sympathize on your extremely dull letter. But I have to admit I fell asleep about halfway through it.

Perhaps you could stimulate your dull mother with a course of sex in bedroom — a sexier lifestyle could put Pete's other interesting.

People bored than you have been mistaken for corpses and buried alive.

Lazy wife needs to get off her duff

Dear Dotti: I love my husband so much. He thinks I'm using him just for room and board.

He loves me just as much, but the people around him are putting ideas in his head. — Analogue in Alaska

Dear Analogue: Maybe the best way for you to convince people you are with your husband because you love him — not his money — is for you to get off your duff and get a job!

Confidential

Dear Celebrating in Calgary, Canada: You can't really tell by the size of their boots. That's an old wives' tale.

Dear Paper-Pounder in Bristol: Try turning the other cheek.

GOLD watch is displayed by watchmaker Raymond B. Saunders

$5,000 gold watch is found in $10 suitcase!

Watchmaker Raymond B. Saunders got a real bargain when he shelled out only $1,500 for an antique gold watch worth $5,000!

But the man he bought it from got a bargain too. He found the watch in an old suitcase he bought for $10 from the Salvation Army store in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

The watch, set in a gold case, was found in one of the pockets of the suitcase. It was engraved: "Presented to [illegible] on the occasion of [illegible] Arctic Hidden Weapons Laboratory, January 3, 1918."

Attached to the handmade chain [illegible] and watch-case [illegible] gold nugget.

Wife shot for nagging!

A nagging housewife battled her boozer husband with a couple of hairbrushes during a quarrel, so he blasted her with a .45-caliber handgun — and claimed he was only defending himself.

At his murder trial, William Gersch, 55, of Des Plaines, Ill., said that his wife Gwendolyn was carping at him about drinking when she threw a hairbrush that bopped him in the head.

As the argument grew more heated, he continued, his wife with a second brush. Gersch said he was bopping mad and pulled the gun from its hiding place behind a chair cushion and shot her four times.

Gersch's attorney, Chester Lesak, told jurors his client "was provoked," but prosecutor Bruce Paynter called the shooting a "senseless and evil act."

The jury, after deliberating for just over an hour, decided that, instead, Gersch had overreacted a tad — and he could spend from 30 to 40 years behind bars for his

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Little priso of darkness

DOOMED to a life of darkness, Sherry, left, and Jolene play in their darkened room with only a 15-watt bulb to see by. They can't go out in the daytime because the damaging sunlight will shorten their lives.

By SUSAN HANSON

Little Jolene Harrison and her sister Sherry are doomed to be prisoners of darkness all their lives — because for these two little girls, a ray of sunshine is the blistering kiss of death.

Jolene 3 and Sherry 2 suffer from a rare genetic disease called xeroderma pigmentosa that makes them extremely vulnerable to damage from ultraviolet rays. Every moment they spend under the sun shortens their young lives.

The two little girls are forced to live indoors during the day, playing in the gloom of a few 15-watt bulbs. For them, the world is a tangle of rooms in their parents' Yuba City, Calif., home.

"We have to take them out at night if we want to go for walks," the children's mother, Kim, told The NEWS. "That's when they get to go to the park or ride their bikes.

"They just can't do the same things normal kids can. They have a very severe form of the disease. It's a hopeless, chronic condition. They could die very soon or as young adults. There's nothing that can be done for them."

The tragic fate Kim was diagnosed when Jolene was 3 and her little sister was just 5 weeks old. Kim and her husband, Jim, a cabinetmaker, were devastated.

"We were crying and staying up all night," she recalled. "We were already mourning their loss.

"They are realized that they are still alive and ... will be for a while. We decided to give them as much as we could in the time they have left. We decided to make it a happy time for them."

A sunbeam is a kiss of death for sisters who suffer a rare disease

Kim stays home with her children these days, marooned in her darkened home with the boisterous youngsters. The lights are low, the shades are drawn and special sunscreen cover the windows. Whenever the girls make their frequent visits to doctors, Kim must bundle them up in blankets to carry them outside.

The girls have special glasses and helmets to protect their eyes outside, but they rarely venture out of the house. Instead they pass the hours inside, playing with their toys on a special playroom constructed for them with the help of

Hey diddle diddle, pregnant cow jumps over cat

Nigel and Dixie Bathe and their son Richard were taking a peaceful drive out in the country when a frantic motorist drove suddenly a pregnant cow ... [illegible] was going to be pregnant on the other side," said the policeman who investigated the bizarre case of the leaping cow over the town of Ashburton.

Luckily, the couple and their ... were unhurt. But the cow had ... to be put out of her misery.

...ew behind closed doors and drawn shutters

Mystery of the grieving ghost

By ED ROBBINS

In one of the world's strangest ghost stories, a grieving mother found her lost daughter more than 60 years after death had parted them.

The tale began in the 1850s in the Finnish Straits off Minna Fishermen set for a day's trawling had crossed from the Aimaro Islands to nearby Great Isaac Island, where they found the wreckage of a four-masted ship strewn along the rocky beach. The disaster had been recent, they saw. Bodies still floated at sea or lay sprawled all along the shore.

Incredibly, there was one survivor. The men found a baby girl, clutched to the arm of her dead mother.

They raised a rough stone enclosure around the body before taking the child away with them. But when they returned the next day, the bodies were gone. Only a trail of blood remained.

The ship was thought to be the Mary Celeste, reported missing. The island was adopted and christened Mary Celeste Queen.

At that time the famous Victorian Lighthouse, an architecture of the 1851 Exhibition in London, had been acquired by the U.S. and was being reerected on Great Isaac Island. Workmen remembering the lighthouse were first to report seeing the marching woman.

They had seen her walking along the shore, a young woman who had once been beautiful. Now she walked with her head bent and a tangle of seaweed in her hair.

The workmen reacted with deep pity, knowing this was the mother of the Mary Celeste's one survivor.

Crews left the site and the new lighthouse began operations early in 1853.

From that time on, the searching woman was reported more than a hundred times. She had left the shore of Great Isaac now and had found her way into the lighthouse.

Soon after an appearance in 1913, a lighthouse attendant suggested to his priest that perhaps the building should be exorcised.

The priest shook his head. "Let us not exorcise her. Let us only try to help."

In a matter of days he found Mary Queen. Now 62, she had married a sailor named Jarlan Rasmussen and was both a mother and a grandmother.

She had been told the story of the shipwreck but knew nothing about her mother's ghost. Weeping, she offered to help.

Night after night, Mary Rasmussen waited with the priest and a lighthouse keeper in a dark room of the watchhouse. On the night of Dec 30, 1913, the door opened silently and they saw the woman's long figure.

"I'm here, mother!" Mary Rasmussen called. "No, don't be frightened — I'm your daughter."

"You were drowned, mother," her daughter sobbed. "Some good men found me and saved my life. There's no need to search for me anymore, mother — you can see I'm well and happy."

For a moment they thought the timid woman would come further into the room.

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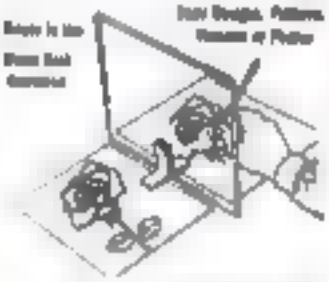

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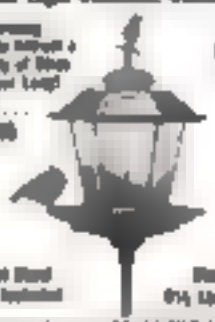

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GEM OF A SUIT!

Dancer sues ex-beau over fake belly button diamond

A belly dancer is suing her former [redacted] for a million bucks because the $250,000 diamond he had implanted in her navel was actually a cubic zircon worth only $60!

By HENRY WISER

"I've been humiliated and that's going to pay," Penny Nafie, 26, told reporters in Cairo, Egypt. "I told every body about my diamond and almost all of them — I thought it was real."

"Now I find out that [redacted] cheap fake.

I feel like a fool. I've never been so embarrassed in my life. Miss Nafie's ex-beau, Aly Rasheed, was quick to condemn the woman's suit as misguided and wrong. He says he paid $250,000 for a 40-carat diamond and "at least [redacted] got a stone."

"I went to a diamond and thought I was getting a [redacted] stone," said Rasheed. "I [redacted] the stone is a fake I've been robbed."

"The jeweler I bought it from insisted that it was real and I believed him."

Few people can see the difference between a diamond and a zircon — and Miss Nafie, whose stage name is Fifi, was furious to discover.

She says the humiliated groom-to-be gave her roses for two years before a diamond engagement ring. [redacted] the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Housewives' cleaners messing up the planet!

These smoke-belching, river-dumping industrial plants aren't the only ones fouling up the air and water with hazardous waste — little old housewives are, too.

That's the conclusion of a shocking new study by the Center for Environmental Management at Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

The study found that housewives are fouling the environment by busily dumping household trash and garbage down drains, into the ground and in culverts.

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"Everyone had a terrible story about how they had to bury their pets. They had to put their little friends in garbage bags, wrap them in a blanket or put them in a box and tape it shut," Mrs McCormack said.

"We thought there should be a better way to do it," she said.

Gal finds eyeball in potato chips!

Fast Debbie Braun lost her appetite when she reached into her potato chip bag and pulled out an eyeball.

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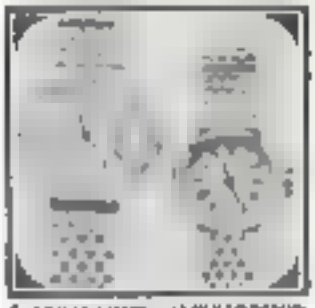

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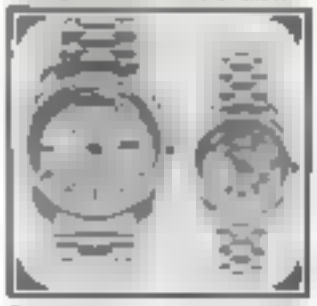

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Scripture-spouting bird was 128 years old

'HOLY' PARROT DIES!

PIOUS parrot was revered by monks at a French monastery for its uncanny talent to quote scripture.

By LEWIS IGNATIUS

Brother Theodore, a pious parrot with the uncanny talent to spout sacred scripture for hours at a time, has died at the venerable age of 128.

The feathered phenomenon was revered as a marvel by monks at the Cite d'Actuel Monastery outside Souler sur Mer, France.

"He was one of the holiest of God's feathered creatures, an inspiration to all of us," a solemn Abbot Pere Jean Paul told mourners who had gathered at the abbey near the small coastal community.

"And Brother Theodore will be sorely missed by all of us — for his loving companionship and, especially, his remarkable always appropriate scriptural quote 'due to Dawn of Trial.'"

But this was one Polly that wasn't always quick to be conversational Pollyanna, the abbot freely admitted.

"Sadly," the cleric sighed, "when Theodore first came to us, he had a vocabulary that would bring a blush even to the cheeks of a sailor.

"What's more, his behavior was abominable.

"We inherited him, you see — along with 175,000 francs in gold coins from a retired sea captain who taught him every filthy word imaginable from the devil's dictionary.

"And if we didn't keep this foul-mouthed fowl, we didn't get the money.

"Believe me, it wasn't an easy chore — because Theodore, the mischievous mascot, would always join the chapel every time the friars were at prayer and let loose a steady stream of obscenities.

"At night, just as the holy men would settle down in their tidy cells for a well-deserved rest, he'd fly back and forth through every corridor screeching his chorus.

"It was a horrifying situation — almost as though Satan himself was bedeviling the monastery.

"The monks and the old abbot did — but in the end, the bird remained a blasphemer."

Finally, in 1983, according to local lore along the coast of the Bay of Biscay, the abbot was so beside himself that he invoked a terrible curse on the blasphemous blabbermouth — and deemed the bird to be a prisoner of unbearable discomfort and humiliation.

"Theodore didn't seem to care one whit," Pere Jean Paul said. "He continued being disruptive, a bad influence.

"But, gradually, his proud feathers began to droop — and then fell off. He developed an arthritis-like illness and he could no longer flex his toes to sit on his perch.

"It was a sad sight. I've been told, but a punishment well-deserved.

"Then one day, while the monks were singing hymns in the chapel, a new voice joined in, feeble at first, but slowly growing in tone — and in power. Theodore had taken the first step along the road of reform.

"It was nothing less than a miracle!

"As the weeks, months and years went by, Theodore learned verse after verse of sacred scripture — entire sections of both the Old and New Testaments. He just loved to recite them, too.

"In short, he became a holy and learned member of the monastery."

When Brother Theodore finally took wing for heaven, the abbot said, he was as young and vigorous-looking as that day long ago when he arrived at the cloister.

A parrot expert told The NEWS that while he didn't doubt the sanctity of the bird, it was only exhibiting "learned behavior," gleaned from a century of watching and listening to holy men at their devotions.

AIDS shocker

One in four women would risk catching AIDS by making love to a bisexual man if he was "really someone special!"

That's the word from Cor Hufnickian Magazine, which surveyed 31,000 women and found that better than half have such little concern about lethal AIDS that they don't even insist on the use of a condom when they sleep with a new boyfriend.

Other findings:

■ 81 percent of women enjoy being single.

■ 54 percent are not ready

Over-the-phone first aid saves choking baby's life!

A cool-as-a-cuke police officer told a frantic mother how to get a clothing tag out of her choking 6-month-old baby's throat — over the phone!

"When you get calls like that it's tough to get somebody to calm down," said Patrolman Tony Giorgi of the police department in Weymouth, Mass. "But she saved the kid's life. She followed directions and did a great job."

The drama unfolded when Susan Bobo called and said that her [illegible]

Jealous hubby charged in bizarre revenge murder

By PETE COOKE

A man who discovered that his wife's lover was the father of her baby went down to the car lot where his rival worked, pulled a gun out and blew him away, police said.

An off-duty sheriff's deputy shopping for a new car heard the gunshots and arrested Alexander "Skip" Turner as he stood over fatally wounded Larry Walton in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"After he shot him, Skip just stood there, leaning up against that Monte Carlo and laughing," one witness said.

Investigators said the trouble started when Turner, 33, found out his wife had been carrying an affair with Walton and that the baby his wife had a year ago was fathered by Walton.

"Skip had just found out that the baby, about a year old, was not his," said Detective Sgt. Lee Sisco.

He was confronted by his wife on Friday or Saturday about it. She got some black eyes now."

Three days after he learned the truth about his wife and Walton, Turner took a cab to the car lot where both men had worked together before Turner got fired earlier this year. Witnesses said Turner followed as Walton went to park a car, then pulled a .38-caliber pistol and opened fire. Shot in the face and chest, Walton, 30, collapsed on the pavement. He was pronounced dead on arrival at a nearby hospital.

Turner was jailed on a charge of second-degree murder.

Man goes berserk after learning that rival fathered his wife's baby!

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One deputy said that when she approached a woman to hand her a summons, a man ran up and shouted, "No! No! You've already got me. Leave my wife alone."

Miracle man beats cancer to become a lawyer

Stephen Rutherland was admitted to the Florida Bar after recovering from a brain tumor and the amputation of a leg — following a battle with the cancer that took the lives of all the male members of his family!

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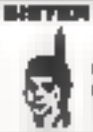

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By CHARLES TIRAY

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The trouble began when gambler Phil Coe and the Texas gunfighter Ben Thompson opened the Bull's Head saloon and had it decorated with a large symbol of masculinity which offended the respectable citizens of Abilene, Kans.

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LAWMAN Wild Bill Hickok killed a saloon owner over an offensive saloon sign

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SLASHER-MOVIE NUT STABS PAL, SAY COPS

By JACK ALEXANDER

After brutally stabbing his best friend to death, cops said, hard-hearted teen Gary Thiede drove 50 miles out of town — and watched a gruesome horror movie.

Mortally wounded Robert Aponte, 16, lay bleeding to death as his pal Thiede, 18, stole his car and roared down the highway to catch the matinee movie, said cops.

"The victim had been stabbed several times, shot once in the chest and tucked in bed to make it look like he was sleeping," said Chief Deputy Joe Rutkiecki of Hartford, Wis.

Thiede was arrested eight hours after the killing in Aponte's car in a small town where he had relaxed and watched Nightmare on Elm Street 4: The Dream Master.

Cops said Aponte and Thiede, lifelong friends, earlier had been playing stereo tapes in the bedroom of Aponte's parents' home.

A teenage baby-sitter tending to Aponte's little brother told police she heard a shot, but didn't investigate, said Rutkiecki.

When four other children arrived home from school about an hour later, they thought Aponte was sleeping. One youngster even sat on the bed and watched TV, said Sheriff Gary Cummings.

No one in the family realized Aponte was dead until four hours after the stabbing.

"His stepfather called him to supper, and when he didn't come, they checked to find out why," said Rutkiecki.

Thiede was being held in the Jackson County jail in Black River Falls, Wis., on $200,000 bond, and is charged with first-degree murder, two counts of theft and for operating a motor vehicle without the owner's consent. The guns were stolen from the Aponte home along with the stolen vehicle, said cops.

KILLER TEEN Gary Thiede stole his dying victim's car and rushed to see the movie "Nightmare on Elm Street 4: The Dream Master." Horrific madman Freddy Krueger, pictured above, has appeared in all the "Nightmare" movies, and is portrayed by actor Robert Englund.

Wife sticks naughty hubby for $100G's

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SWEDEN — Medical researchers at the University of Uppsala, in Finland have discovered (accidentally) a new weight-loss formula. The new discovery enables an overweight individual to lose pounds and keep them without dieting or exercise.

Scientists made the discovery while searching for a formula to lower cholesterol. In a controlled study of a test group of people, cholesterol levels remained unchanged but the doctors were astounded to find that every patient who used the formula lost weight. The published report of the study stated "A highly significant decrease in body weight was seen" in patients who received the formula.

The formula was then tested in Sweden at Sahlgren Hospital, University of Goteborg. Again, all patients lost a substantial amount of weight even though they did not change their eating habits. The report detailing the study published in the British Journal of Nutrition stated: "Body weight was significantly reduced even though the patients were specifically asked not to alter their dietary habits." One patient in the study lost more than 30 pounds.

According to one informed source, the active ingredient comes from some 3000 natural botanical roots and contains no fillers or stimulants. When taken before meals it binds with the food and passes out "undigested" calories, preventing their absorption.

A substantial portion of the calories ingested therefore pass through the digestive system undetected. The body has to get energy to replace the lost calories, and starts to burn stored fat. The results are fast weight loss. Following clinical tests have verified the safety of this formula for long term use.

The formula is marketed in tablet form in the United States under the trade name Cal Ban 3000. A firm located in Tampa, Florida, has exclusive North American distribution rights. A spokesman for the company revealed the names of hundreds of people who have lost up to 30 pounds the first week and as much as 20, 40 or 60 or more pounds overall with Cal Ban 3000. This is a golden opportunity for people who are inspired by fad and cellulite that they can't seem to lose by conventional methods.

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Killer poisons her victims — with yogurt

An underhanded social worker gave unwitting widowers snacks of yogurt spiked with a knockout drug so she could rob them while they were sleeping off the effects.

Two of Françoise Affergeerich's victims, women aged 56 and 57, died from the doped yogurt and five others had to be hospitalized with severe drug overdoses.

The surviving Nice Affergeerich apparently had not intended to kill with the potent mixture, but it was to well received by the elderly that they repeatedly demanded additional extra servings which caused them to overdose on the killer drug.

It was not known how much she had stolen.

The 53-year-old killer was sentenced to seven years in the slammer by a judge in Bruges, Belgium.

Human [illegible] rape [illegible] pleas [illegible]

A 26-year-old Chicago woman was sexually assaulted on the steps of a train station by a brazen thug — as rush hour commuters walked by without lifting a hand to rescue her!

"Several people were looking and the asked them for help, and no one would help," said police detective Daisy Martin Cage, however, intervened and arrested 30-year-old Steve Shelton who, police said, was free on bond and awaiting trial on a previous attack on another woman.

Shelton was charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault and was being held without bond in the Cook County Jail.

The victim was treated for abrasions on the face.

The woman is married to a former Chicago policeman. Shelton was accused in February of robbing a woman he accosted after she withdrew money from a bank teller machine, cops said.

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When informed of the goof, a spokesman for Citibank in New York replied, "I can't wait to hear the explanation for this."

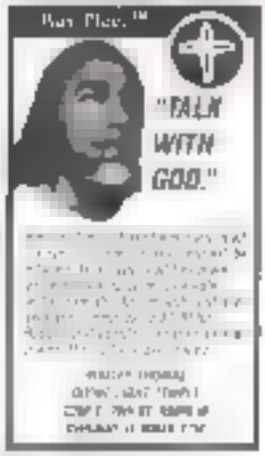
Miss Stokes and her co-workers at the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce got a big laugh out of the Visa blunder.

Copycat 'Monopoly' game hot in China!

The hottest-selling item in complex China is a board game called Strong Hand — a blatant copy of Monopoly!

Although the street names have been changed and players can't buy their way out of jail, Strong Hand (Guangzhou, in Chinese) is a dead ringer for the famed Parker Brothers' top seller.

The copy is produced by the Lichen Toy Factory which last year reported sales of $1.3 million and profits of $138,000.



Man marries rich gal out of pity but draws the line at love

'My wife is so ugly I won't go out with her!'

By RADAR BUSH

Garm Kruger's wealthy wife was so ugly that he couldn't bring himself to make love to her even once during their three-year marriage!

New Chemaine Kruger is filing for divorce, alleging that her husband's refusal to get intimate with her was "the worst form of mental cruelty."

"Garm married me for my money but he's not going to get a penny after this divorce," Mrs Kruger told reporters in Nakskov, Denmark.

"He wouldn't even make love to me when I started to have a child. Instead he went to a clinic and arranged for me to be artificially inseminated."

Kruger, 28, doesn't deny his 24-year-old wife's allegations that he defends himself on the grounds that she "is a hideously ugly woman who wouldn't have had the companionship of any man, anywhere." If he hadn't overlooked his pride and agreed to marry her.

"She's rich but that really had nothing to do with my decision to take her as my wife," said Kruger. "Call me a sucker if you want — but I really did feel sorry for her. My wife is so ugly I won't go out with her. But that doesn't mean I don't have a heart.

"It rubs in the hope to hear her attorney say now she's actually trying to deny me any share of her wealth and the custody of our 3-year-old daughter with all this talk about a divorce."

In a hearing, Judge Vedel Kock appeared to side with Mrs Kruger. He told her husband: "I find it appalling that you deserved this woman of any ordinary. She has suffered terrible because you denied her a basic right — marriage."

Said Mrs Kruger: "Garm was so passionate and loving before we got married that I felt like a queen. The wedding changed all that — all he wanted me to do was sign the checks. He wouldn't even give me a kiss."

Game wardens kill teen's pet crow!

By ROSE GRADY

Teenager Steve Lucas fed and cared for a helpless, one-winged crow for 3½ years — only to have heartless Arizona game officials snatch it away and kill it!

The cruel and inhumane act has shocked and outraged animal lovers across America who are demanding that something be done to make sure such brutality can never happen again.

The crow, named Ruben, was confiscated because Arizona law bans the keeping of migratory birds as pets except under special circumstances.

It was taken from Steve's home in Apache Junction to a state game sanctuary at Aztec Mountain where it was killed a couple of days later because "we had no place to put it," a game official declared.

Incredibly, the game officials didn't consider giving Ruben back to 13-year-old Steve, whose tender loving care and attention had kept the one-winged bird healthy and happy — and alive.

By all rights, Ruben should have been shot dead even after he was skinned in flight by a motorist a little more than 3½ years ago. Fortunately, the

HEARTBROKEN Steve Lucas sits beside the empty cage where he and his one-winged pet crow Ruben lived for more than two years, until Arizona game officials took the bird away and killed it.

mangled crow was found by a sharpshooting couple and was taken to a veterinarian who pampered the bird's wing.

The crow was then given to Stan Carpenter who lived near the Lucas home and he gave him to Steve.

Steve named his crippled pet Ruben, built him a large flight cage and cared tenderly for him for 3½ years.

"It just isn't fair," Steve's mom Nancy told The NEWS. "Ruben wasn't hurting a single soul and Steve was taking good care of him. But they came and took him away. I find it appalling that you deserved this woman of any ordinary. She has suffered terrible because you denied her a basic right — marriage."

Said Mrs Kruger: "Garm was so passionate and loving before we got married that I felt like a queen. The wedding changed all that — all he wanted me to do was sign the checks. He wouldn't even give me a kiss."

wouldn't be taken anywhere to visit our schools for educational programs. Steve was told he could go to Aztec Mountain to see Ruben. But then they killed him."

Dave McGehee, the game official who took Ruben to what should be his date with death, wasn't available for comment, but his supervisor, Ray Kahls, said it is unlikely that he told Steve he could visit the bird.

"We don't as a matter of policy tell people they can get out and see these animals," Kahls explained.

Kahls explained that people who work for the government live a lot harder.

Future cars will have built-in microwave [redacted]s

Eating breakfast on the run will be a snap by the year 2001 — when one in every four cars is expected to have a built-in microwave in the dashboard!

"The ride is not costly," says Bill Pietsch of the Campbell Soup Company.

He predicts that by the turn of the century, 25 percent of cars will have the microwave units, so commuters can pop in a cannister-like packet of "heat and eat" food and munch away while they drive.

Glue on floor makes dancing a sticky situation

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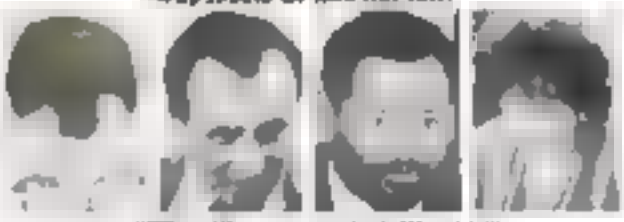

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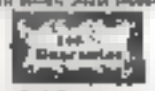

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She was fleeing in traffic, cops

THE driver was killed in the wreckage of this car which was hit head-on by the speeding tractor trailer.

LADY trucker Beverly Walker is escorted into her arraignment by Trooper Michael Tibbs

Frustrated trucker turns road into demolition derby

By PETE COCHI

A long-distance trucker stuck in traffic flipped out, jumped the median and sped the wrong way down a busy highway before a fiery crash that killed two people, police said.

Massachusetts state troopers said 47-year-old truck driver Beverly Walker was arrested after they found her walking around hazardous "in a daze" at the scene of the crash near Boston.

"She said she was sick of waiting in traffic," State Trooper Ed Dalton told The NEWS.

Dalton said Mrs. Walker, a cross-country trucker, since she was 18, "got caught up in the usual nine-hour morning work and Cape Cod traffic."

According to the trooper, Mrs. Walker's rig crept along the Southeast highway in bumper-to-bumper traffic for about 30 minutes before she snapped.

The truck suddenly rumbled across the grass median strip and into the two lanes of oncoming traffic.

Mrs. Walker's rig reached speeds of up to 45 miles an hour as horrified drivers swerved out of the truck's path.

Mrs. Walker, who was heading home to her husband and two children in Staten, Tex., managed to drive two miles in the wrong direction before disaster struck, police said.

The speeding semi slammed into a car driven by 23-year-old Renee Donahue killing her. then hit a second car critically injuring driver Robert Chalmer 39, and killing his passenger, Carrie Stevens, also 39.

The truck jackknifed, spilled 300 gallons of diesel fuel onto the highway and burst into flames.

Mrs. Walker was charged with two counts of manslaughter, two counts of vehicular homicide, driving to endanger, illegal crossing and driving the wrong way.

WRECKAGE is all over the highway after cross-country truck hit two cars, killing two people and injuring two others.

Two die as semi roars down lanes

Streaker is a burglar in the buff, say cops

Baffled cops say they've been left with the skimpiest of evidence in the case of a daring burglar — who wears only socks and sneakers on the job!

Authorities in Smyrna, Ga., said the naked burglar broke into the woman who lived there.

Police believe the man has been streaking up for his early morning burglaries by running naked around a high school track like at night.

Several peeping Toms re-

Wife tries to win back her hubby's love — by kidnapping him!

Ann Taylor couldn't accept the fact that her husband had left her so she got some friends to help — and snatched him off a city street in broad daylight.

By KAPI KLINGER

Then with a friend, Mrs. Taylor, 37, drove her 30-year-old estranged husband John Max Taylor from Provo, Utah, to Denver, Colo. But then after learning that there was a warrant out for her arrest, she returned to Provo with him and surrendered to authorities.

The escapade lasted only 48 hours but afterward Mrs. Taylor maintained that she loved her husband and didn't kidnap him.

"I did not kidnap my husband," the slim Provo City woman insisted after her conviction on kidnapping charges in a Provo court. "I reunited him with the [illegible] who [illegible] him. And I will never forget those two precious days we spent together."

Her husband and his sister Madeline Ashby, with whom he'd been living in Provo for a year, testified to the contrary in court.

They said Mrs. Taylor and four others forcibly accosted them on a city street outside an eye clinic.

"They threw him in the backseat and he was pleading to be set free," Mrs. Ashby testified.

"My brother said 'Please help me. I want to stay. Don't let them take me.'"

Taylor, who admits that marriage [illegible]

"I believe I went myself angry. I wanted to stay where I was."

Taylor said he left her only after 20 years of marriage because "things changed in our relationship."

But Mrs. Taylor maintained that she loves her husband and that he really wants to be with her.

The judge suspended her two-to-five-year jail term, placing her on three years of stringent [illegible] probation.

Ann Taylor told a court she — the only surviving boy [illegible] year-old husband from his relatives. But she was convicted of kidnapping him and sentenced to probation.

Gal grabs extinguisher & douses smoking passenger

A train passenger who fired up a cigarette in a no-smoking car paid for the crime when a woman grabbed a fire extinguisher — and doused him down.

"The smoker had it coming to him," said a passenger who witnessed the spectacle in London. "He had those cigarettes going at once and then he started blowing smoke in the woman's direction in a very provocative way."

Said another witness: "I couldn't believe it when she seized the fire extinguisher. It certainly taught that boor a lesson. He was soaked. And he looked a fool."

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Police expose bizarre double-murder plot!

MOM AND DAUGHTER HIRE SAME HIT MAN TO KILL HUBBIES

"WE'LL SHARE A JOB HIRE": Mom and daughter were arrested when both turned to Marie (left) and her mother Judy East (below) and daughter allegedly picked the same man on undercover cop as their would-be assassin. Both acted independently, each totally unaware of the other's actions, cops say

By JOHN BLACKBURN

It was a coincidence so mind-boggling even the law officers who cracked the bizarre murder-for-hire case had a hard time coping with the facts.

A mom and her daughter — each supposedly not knowing what the other was up to — tried to hire a hit man to knock off their estranged husbands, investigators claim.

Just as weird, cops say the dad-wives recruited the same torpedo — and that was their undoing. He was really an undercover detective, masquerading as a thug.

Arrested by San Diego, Calif., police for soliciting to commit murder were Judith East, 45, and her daughter Valerie Marie, 27.

Both women are unemployed, said San Diego County prosecutor Robert Eichler. And Mrs. East is currently on probation for a 1987 grand theft conviction. The arrests came when a tip from an undercover source that the mom and daughter wanted their husbands — from who they'd been separated for some time — dead, said Sgt. Bob Parish of the organized crime intelligence unit.

Sgt. Parish declined to comment on a motive, but said cops "know why one of the women wanted to be rid of her husband. It'll come out at the appropriate time — in court."

The undercover detective engaged in the plot, Victor Shuman, contacted each woman, identified himself as a hired killer and arranged a meeting with each. Sgt. Parish said

The male-for-hire gunman met with Mrs. Marie East and she allegedly wrote him a $1,000 check as a down payment on a $5,000 fee to murder her 41-year-old husband, Michael, according to investigators. The balance supposedly would be paid from his life insurance.

The next day, Shuman reportedly made a deal to kill Mark East, 31. Mrs. East allegedly agreed to pay $10,000 for the job, all the money coming from her husband's insurance.

"At this time, we believe neither woman knew what the other was up to," said Sgt. Parish. "There's no indication there was any kind of conspiracy."

Both women "left the question of when, where and how to kill their husbands up to Shuman," he added.

Both women have pleaded innocent to the murder-for-hire charges, prosecutor Eichler said.

. . . say shocked cops!

$11 million in coke found in headliner of family's car!

The auto was moving down the highway just three miles over the legal speed limit of 65, but an observant Illinois State Police patrol it over — and found 150 pounds of cocaine worth $7.011 million in the interior roof liner.

Hector Alvarez-Quiroga, 41, of Winston, Tex., his wife Juliana, 42, and their 17-year-old son, Roman Jr., were arrested on drug trafficking charges.

"If you all seemed upset about something that looked to be like [illegible] from one state to another," a police spokesman said.

The cops were impressed, though, and asked the family if they could search the 1987 station wagon. After receiving the necessary permission, one of the troopers noticed the roof liner was the wrong color — and uncovered the marathon cache.

The Alvarez family denied knowing the narcotics was hidden in their vehicle and claimed they were on their [illegible]

Officials fishing for wacky prey

Talk about a dirty job — Baltimore, Md., health officials are trying to figure out how many people are practicing safe sex by counting the number of used condoms floating in the city's sewage-treatment tanks.

blown off — by fireworks!

A night of fun and fireworks turned into horrible tragedy when a skyrocket accidentally exploded, blowing a display worker's leg off

Fred, spokesman for the Garden Festival in Glasgow, Scotland, where the tragedy happened.

Four other people, including [illegible] of sulfur fallout from the exploding rocket. The terrifying accident occurred in the midst of a 15-minute fireworks display at the Festival in Glasgow

Mom who lost 7 children in 7 years sees her heartbreak turn to joy

Miracle baby is 1 year old!

By SUSAN JAMISON

It's been a year of miracles for Wendy Towe and her adorable daughter Kristen, the baby who battled 20-to-1 odds to survive.

Today Kristen is a chubby, healthy toddler and her grateful mom can at last look forward to a normal future for the little girl. After losing seven babies in seven years, all but the last one she can keep.

"To see her so bright and alert and happy is just wonderful," said Wendy M. of Manchester, England. "The doctors warned us that if she lived at all she might be paralyzed, blind and deaf, but they were wrong."

Kristen was featured in The NEWS last February when she first came home from the hospital. She had suffered through a hole in her heart, collapsed lungs, blood poisoning, a brain hemorrhage and kidney failure.

Her parents were aware that their child was still not out of danger and although better, Kristen's first year of life was still a great ordeal for them.

Month after month, the baby endured setbacks and crises. Once her heart stopped beating altogether, and only through the heroic effort of Wendy and her husband, Alan, did little Kristen survive. They rushed her to the hospital, Wendy giving heart massage to her baby as their car sped toward help.

At night the baby was hooked up to a special monitor designed to ring shrilly if she stopped breathing. Her parents would then rush to her bedside and shake her awake to start her desperate lungs working again, her physicians say.

Finally last August, doctors pronounced Kristen fit enough to be taken off her monitor — and since then the baby has been thriving. From here on she should be fine.

"Just look at her," said the beaming Wendy as she cuddled her daughter at her first birthday party. "She is a dream come true."

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Dad takes the rap for his sons & stays after school

When his two sons were handed high school detentions because he forgot to write them excuse notes, Phil Wolfe did the right thing — he took the punishment for them!

The 36-year-old supervised all through the 60-minute periods of classroom silence in Bishop Carroll High School in Wichita, Kans.

"I couldn't see Phil Jr. and Kelly being punished for something I failed to do," Wolfe said. "It was the most peaceful hour I've had in a long time."

100% of AMERICANS . . . are different!

By KEVIN FISHER

Ninety-five percent of America's unskilled workers are happy with their lives. Forty-six percent of us believe in life on other planets. And 9 percent say we don't watch enough TV!

That's just a sample of the stimulating statistical information included in author Daniel Evan Weiss' exciting new book, 100 Percent Americans (Poseidon Press, New York, $6.95).

Here's more:

● 1 percent of Americans

45 percent of men consider shopping very unpleasant

are next below the United States on a world map.

● 21 percent of babies are born to unwed mothers.

● 23 percent of us never read the bible.

● 28 percent of women weigh more than 140 pounds.

● 30 percent of pregnancies end in abortion.

● 30 percent of us smoke cigarettes.

● 41 percent of women do not own a skirt.

● 44 percent of households are equipped with a gun.

● 47 percent of women believe in love at first sight.

● 50 percent of us think walking in any city neighborhoods after dark is risky.

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● 67 percent of us have experienced ESP.

● 68 percent of 17-year-olds do not know when the Civil War took place.

● 79 percent of fathers are in the delivery room when their babies are born.

● 89 percent of us would instantly quit smoking

36 percent of marriages don't last seven years.

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● 18 percent of us live within minutes of work.

● 19 percent of men sleep in the nude.

● 30 percent of ninth-grade

Suspect's name is scrawled on floor by victim

Like a scene out of a dark mystery movie, fatally wounded Richard Valdez scribbled the name of the man who may have been his killer before he collapsed and died, say cops.

Valdez, 23, and his pregnant girlfriend Sharon Cimben, 19, of Snellshuff, Neter, were found in pools of blood dead from multiple bullet wounds.

Next to Valdez' body were those letters written in white, greasy substance squeezed from a tube: "JEFF ROPPE."

Authorities have sworn out a warrant for the arrest of Jeff J. Roppe, 19, also of Snellshuff.

Valdez' father Gilbert said his son told him that someone was out to kill him.

"He told me if he was killed, he would write his name in his own blood — he'd write the name of the guy that did the shooting," said the father.

Cops found three pounds of marijuana, packets of cocaine and $11,000 in cash at the house and believe the shootings were drug related.

Police are searching for Roppe.

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By Countess Sophia Sobek

ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

All signs indicate that a stressful situation could be resolved in the coming week. Stick to your guns no matter how black things seem and you will be rewarded.

Your typical Aries ability to make quick decisions may be tested when a new challenge arises. Trust your instincts and rely on common sense as others look to you.

Small disagreements could easily get out of hand at this time and you would be wise to make a real effort to get along with those around you.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

Proceed with caution when an unexpected offer comes your way. Don't be afraid to seek out advice from others before making a commitment.

Typical Taurus traits of strength and stability could prove to be important assets when a troubled friend turns to you for help in the week ahead. Go ahead and get involved.

Signs now indicate that you may soon have the opportunity to settle a long-standing dispute.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

This will be a good week for Geminis who use their free time in creative thinking. You have hundreds times to others who are dragging their feet. It's time to use your talent to get the laggards moving.

Thoughts of a romantic adventure may put your head in the clouds. But be sure your feet are planted firmly on the ground if an opportunity knocks.

Using the weekend as a resting-off period may be wise.

CANCER

June 21-July 22

Those born under the sign of Cancer have had a long dry spell of nothing but work, work, work. But the time to determine once those hard with reap the rewards they so richly deserve. A move up is imminent!

Keep plugging away in support of the things you believe in.

Your natural Cancerian sensitivity will overcome all those who oppose you.

Dedicate the weekend as a time for reestablishing old friendships. Make amends where needed.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

Making snap decisions has always been one of quick-witted Leo, but you've come under fire for acting too quickly.

Don't take this criticism to heart. Sure you act quick, but that's because you're intuitive. Continue to use this valuable edge in advance in life.

Opportunities for financial success loom over the horizon. You're in for a lucky streak. Make the most of it.

Relax on the weekend.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

A dull, boring period is about to come to an end. Allow yourself to enjoy the excitement of new fun and challenges. Naturally shy Virgos has a habit of pulling back. Let yourself go this time.

A romantic surprise is in store for single Virgos from someone you see almost daily, but only thought of as a friend. This person could be thrilling if looked at in a different light.

Married Virgos get out for the enrichment of a second honeymoon with your partner.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

If you've been hoping for a special surprise to fill a void in your life, this week could provide the answer to your prayers.

But, remember, look before you leap.

On the financial front, keep a tighter rein on your budget. You might think about saving more of your income for future security.

Be sure you are communicating well with family, friends and co-workers — but hold your tongue if someone is overly critical.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Now's the time to make a big push toward what, to put an extra measure of energy into some special project that will make your bosses take notice of your capabilities.

Your interest and understanding would be especially appreciated by friends this week. If called on, be willing to listen to their problems and offer whatever advice you feel necessary.

A short trip may also be in the offing. Plan your time wisely and get the most you possibly can out of this.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

If you're busy pulling off chores, now is the time to get them done. The next week will be a very productive one for you. Sagittarius, and your stars say it's a good time to clear up old business.

Financial figures importantly in the next seven days. Be careful not to excite the envy of friends and acquaintances as someone may try to harm you as a result.

A happy event may provide hours of enjoyment and memories you can keep for years.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Rev up your sense of humor this week, Capricorn — you'll need it! You're in for a few days of irritating hassles and delay. Fortunately, the planets predict smoother sailing the rest of the week.

Somebody is thinking about you and wishing you'd get in touch. But be careful — your stars say contact with an old acquaintance could bring complications right now.

A period of excellent health should make the next few months an energetic time.

If your birthday is this week . . .

The year ahead is filled with tremendous promise. Financially you're almost sure to find greater security — possibly by winning a sweepstakes or through a surprise inheritance.

Your love life may have been a roller coaster ride of late — and if that's the case, you shouldn't expect a dramatic change anytime soon. You will find greater stability before the year is over. A new acquaintance of the opposite sex will play a key role.

It's definitely time to broaden your horizons. Socially you should accept all invitations. Take a night course or do volunteer work.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

A close relative may lend your Aquarius salvation this week in a way you never dreamed of.

Don't be too quick to judge and be careful.

The week ahead may be one of the happiest of your life. Expect improvements in your relationships with others and possibly a small financial windfall.

Someone you know quite well may need a shoulder to cry on. Be understanding but don't get too involved with their problems.

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Be wary of people and businesses in the week ahead. Don't let their weighty tongues interfere with your life. Tell them to "beat off."

A change of scenery may be just what the doctor ordered this week. Don't procrastinate. Plan a getaway weekend.

Someone you like and respect may disappoint you this week. Be understanding.

Don't be too critical until you have all the facts.

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Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

Readers all over the country are using Countess Sobek's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

Aries	Mar. 21 – Apr. 19	8, 21, 26, 37, 44, 48	Libra	Sept. 23 – Oct. 22	1, 13, 24, 35, 38, 46
Taurus	Apr. 20 – May 20	10, 20, 28, 33, 41, 43	Scorpio	Oct. 23 – Nov. 21	4, 15, 25, 32, 39, 42
Gemini	May 21 – June 20	2, 14, 16, 22, 31, 36	Sagittarius	Nov. 22 – Dec. 21	11, 17, 21, 29, 30, 37
Cancer	June 21 – July 22	1, 18, 23, 28, 34, 45	Capricorn	Dec. 22 – Jan. 19	3, 16, 26, 33, 41, 44
Leo	July 23 – Aug. 22	20, 24, 27, 40, 47, 49	Aquarius	Jan. 20 – Feb. 18	14, 19, 31, 35, 38, 48
Virgo	Aug. 23 – Sept. 22	5, 12, 22, 32, 37, 50	Pisces	Feb. 19 – Mar. 20	2, 12, 16, 23, 44, 49

Cop sweeps suspect out of chimney

When New York City cops foiled the burglary of a leather goods store, one of the suspects flew the coop by dashing across rooftops — and tumbled 30 feet down a narrow chimney shaft.

Wayne Mikesak, 20, wasn't seriously injured in the fall, but Officer John Dellara had to use a jackhammer to chop a hole in a concrete wall in order to get the involuntary chimney sweep out of his predicament.

"Thank you, thank you," Mikesak superficially said.

"You're welcome," Officer Dellara smiled in reply, "and you're under arrest."

Man tied to dead girlfriend & tossed in lake to drown!

Authorities [illegible] for answers in the bizarre drowning of a man who tied to his girlfriend's corpse and dumped into a lake.

"It's like something straight out of a horror movie," said Sgt. Jerry King, a Dallas homicide detective. "We're not ruling out anything."

The shocking case began when fishermen made a grisly discovery on Lake Ma[illegible] Thursday.

Sheriff's deputies at the [illegible] the bodies of Donald Riggs, 33, and his 32-year-old girlfriend, Glenda Scott, were found floating a mile from shore.

Sgt. King said Miss Scott had been strangled before Riggs was tethered to her body, weighed down and tossed into the lake.

"He was alive when he was put into the water," Sgt. King said. "He drowned."

Russian gals are demanding women's lib

Women's lib has reared its head in the Soviet Union, according to an article in the newspaper Pravda.

Angry Soviet women are claiming they're overworked and underappreciated.

"When we repair railway lines and lift railway ties, we are, as it is, not women at all," said one writer. "On the other hand, when we want a part in decision-making, we are not 'ladies.'"

Family planning on the highway!

A box containing 1,000 condoms fell off a truck and burst — halting traffic on a California freeway for a half hour!

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The untold story of the . . .

LAST RIDE OF CASEY JONES

By DICK DONOVAN

In the pre-dawn darkness of April 30, 1900, the *Cannonball Express* highballed out of Memphis, Tenn., bound for Canton, Miss., on a wild dash that was to end in disaster — and catapult a rascal called Casey Jones into history!

The *Cannonball* was 95 minutes late when it pulled out of Memphis for its 173-mile run down to Canton. But Casey had scarcely lost daylight by the time it reached Goodman, 25 miles north of its destination.

Casey's hand was hard on the throttle as the *Cannonball* rumbled through the Mississippi countryside, unaware of the disaster that lurked just 10 miles down the tracks.

To make way for the crack passenger train, two long freights — one headed south, the other headed north — were switched onto a siding. But the caboose and three cars of the southbound freight still protruded onto the main line.

The *Cannonball's* fireman, Sim Webb, was first to see the cars. He shouted out a warning, then leaped to safety.

Casey Jones opened the throttle, hit the emergency brake and put the engine in reverse — then stayed with his train. It was a heroic but fatal decision.

The *Cannonball Express* slammed into the freight train with an explosive force that ruled the air with debris. The massive engine was hurled off the tracks.

Casey was pulled from the wreckage and carried to the depot in nearby Vaughan. With blood gushing from a jagged hole in his throat, Casey was laid on the flatbed of a baggage cart, where he died minutes later.

Incredibly, Casey Jones was the only fatality of that terrible crash. Fireman Webb, an American Express messenger and three passengers were only slightly injured.

Despite Webb's testimony that the mistreated freight's flagman had not gone far enough down the track for Casey to have seen him in time, investigators blamed Casey for the accident, saying he failed to heed the flagman's signals.

Railroad records reveal that Casey, the father of three boys, had been suspended nine times for terms of 5 to 30 days for safety violations between February 1891 and May 1900.

It wasn't all that unusual for engineers to be killed back in those days of heavy rail traffic on single tracks and the memory of Casey Jones and the Cannonball Express should have faded into oblivion. But a freight-yard worker, Wallace Saunders, penned a ballad about Casey Jones and the Cannonball Express . . . and America had a new folk hero.

THE legendary Casey Jones often beat the rules.

PHOTO taken in the late 1890s shows the real Casey leaning out of the cab of 382.

Tot finds gun and kills mom

A 3-year-old boy accidentally shot and killed his mother while playing with a .357-caliber revolver.

Cathy Anderson, 31, was shot once in the back after the child, who was not named found the gun under a pillow in the family's Memphis, Tenn., home, investigating officers said.

Mrs. Anderson's death was ruled an accident, said cops, and no charges were filed.

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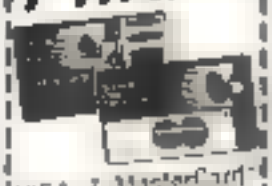
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FREEZE — IT'S THE DIET POLICE!

OUT with the loot! Diet police raid the refrigerator of one of their clients and forced her to hand over the high-calorie junk food. Dozens of dieters have requested help from the heavy-handed blubber busters.

By SUSAN JAMISON

When your willpower wilts and your diet determination droops, there's somebody who can help you obey the rules of your reducing plan — the diet police!

For a price, weight-loss experts Carol Saunders and Susan Cohen will invade your home and toss out every high-calorie snack and junk food tidbit you've got hidden away in your pantry.

They'll ransack your refrigerator, they'll interview your family. They'll get to the bottom of your number problem and get you back on the straight and narrow in no time.

"We go into our clients' homes and toss out the bad foods we find there," Carol Saunders, of Los Angeles-based Specialized Diet Consultants, told The NEWS. "We have been known to confiscate Twinkies, sugar-coated cereals, donuts — things like that.

"Mostly we know what our clients' weaknesses are. We'll even drop in on them at work if we have to."

Mrs. Saunders, a 40-year-old mother of two, and her partner, a 38-year-old mother of one child, began offering their bizarre service three months ago. Already, dozens of desperate dieters have enlisted the calorie cops to help them lose weight.

Mrs. Saunders says some clients have lost as much as 80 pounds with her company's help. And once clients pare off the pounds, they tend to keep them off, she said.

"We teach people how to face food and handle it," she said. "We try to suit their diets to their life-styles. We're looking to reform them, change the things they eat.

"We don't police all our clients. Some people don't want the service. But if a client is having a hard time losing weight, we think making a surprise visit really helps."

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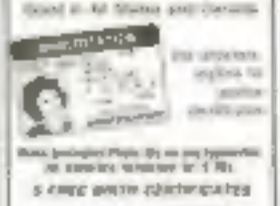

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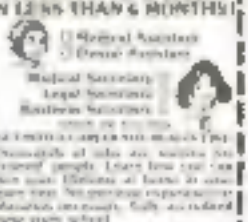

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Stunned scientists

MARS PROBE SNAPS PHOTO OF A SPACE MONSTER!

Creature is 200 feet long — and it's heading toward Earth!

...an hardly believe their eyes!

By RAGAN DUNN

A Swiss scientist claims to have photographed a gigantic extraterrestrial monster drifting through space — and he now fears that it might be headed for Earth!

The incredible pictures were filmed through a high-powered telescope aimed at Mars. Some experts are already calling them the most important scientific photographs ever made.

"This is the biggest breakthrough in space since man landed on the moon," astronomer Erben Basel told reporters in Geneva. "It has to be a million-to-one chance that we could see anything — so this is a little short of a miracle. Judging from the shape, depth and proportion, I would say the monster is at least 300 feet long and 50 feet wide.

"At times it appears to have a saucer shape of a classic UFO.

"But the picture series we have also indicates that it can change form.

"In some photos it actually looks like a giant one-eyed sea snail propelling itself through space."

Dr. Basel refused to say how fast the alien object is moving and would not speculate about a scientists' time of arrival on Earth.

But he did say: "Scientists around the world are studying the Swiss photographs to tracking the creature as it approaches Earth to determine if it is indeed a threat."

Experts are also said to be considering what impact it might have if it crashes or lands on our planet.

Dr. Richter C. Probst, the French biologist, said that a living creature the size of the object Dr. Basel photographed could alter life as we know it if it was able to survive in Earth's atmosphere.

"It's too early to say what we are dealing with but not too soon to think about it," he said. "We should be prepared for any possibility. We cannot face this crisis from a position of ignorance."

Soviet and American space officials were very tight-lipped about the Swiss photographs and would neither confirm nor deny reports that they are secretly sharing vital information about them.

Dr. Basel did say that the Swiss government discussed the photos with both countries — and subsequently warned him not to talk with the press, but he ignored the warning.

"I'm jeopardizing my career but something of this magnitude must be a part of the public record," said the scientist.

"I can only hope that the superpowers can and will attempt to deal with it. It's out of my hands now."

History-making Intergalactic EXCLUSIVE!

UNHAPPY Susan Tijsterman said a plastic surgeon bungled her breast operation and ruined her life.

Housewife sues surgeon

Doc turned my breasts to concrete

Angry Susan Tijsterman is warning other women away from her plastic surgeon, claiming she underwent an operation to have her breasts enlarged — and woke up with a chest like two chunks of concrete.

The pretty blonde says victims her rock-hard breasts feel like croquet balls under her skin. She says she can't bear to have her husband touch them and she can't even give her kid a cuddle when he needs it.

"My breasts feel like concrete," said the housewife from Gosport, England. "They look unreal, more like something you buy from a joke shop and stick on your chest."

Susan, 36, has gone public with her complaint about the man she says turned her to stone — plastic surgeon Edward Latimer-Sayer of London. Hers is one of several complaints brought against the

romp, orderlies had to kick aside boxes and dirty gowns," she recalled.

Although Susan went home from the clinic the next day, her body hasn't healed, she says. She complains that five months after her $4,000 operation she is still in agony.

"Latimer-Sayer ruined my life," said Susan, the mother of a 3-year-old son. "In bed my husband and I have to make do now. I can't have him near my breasts because it brings tears to my eyes."

Susan says she's been offered a free operation by the surgeon's office, but she doesn't think a second operation can solve her problem.

"The only way they could do

Born in 1895, twins have never parted

Twin sisters Margaret Fuerth (at left in both pictures) and Jane Gray came into the world together in 1895 — and they've been together ever since.

The 92-year-old Canadian twins, who live next door to each other in Bodenaike, Ontario, were born in a log cabin.

Even at 92, the retired widows are still keeping busy.

"I do everything around the house, even cut my own grass," said Margaret.

Bride's last look at wedding video

A young bride dressed herself in her bridal gown and veil, and watched a video of her wedding, reliving that happy moment five months before — then killed herself.

According to testimony at a coroner's inquest, the 24-year-old Hyde, England, woman had split with her husband and was deeply depressed. The inquest concluded the woman had committed suicide by feed-

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Let us prove to you that losing weight and keeping it off [illegible] can become a most pleasant experience! As soon as you receive your GB-3, please test it immediately. As you'll see, nothing is easier. Take GB-3 shortly before each meal or snack, give it a few minutes to expand and then [illegible] enjoy your meal until you feel [illegible] full. That's all you have to do!

100% GUARANTEED!

The only effort you have to make while losing GB-3 lbs. is to swallow it conveniently as directed. In the unlikely event that GB-3 does not satisfy you completely, whatever the reason, simply return the unused portion within 30 days and we guarantee that we will send you a full refund of the purchase price (except postage and handling) within 7 days of receipt.

YOUR **FREE GIFT!** Water and shock resistant Multi-function LCD WRIST WATCH (value $19.95) with 3 month order yours to keep even if you decide to return GB-3!

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My name is S. Daly and I want to share with you how happy I am since I agreed to try GB-3.

I used to weigh 180 pounds and must have spent thousands trying to find something that really worked. Unfortunately, nothing ever did and so I became a real chubby and overformed nonbeliever. Nevertheless, I decided to try GB-3, because it looked so different from all I had seen and tried. GB-3 quickly slimmed me down to a beautiful, trim and right 125 pounds! Best of all, to the point it startles, I haven't regained a pound! S. Daly (Signature on file)

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Please rush me my order of GB-3. I understand that if not delighted, I may return unused portion within 30 days for a prompt, unquestioned refund. 6867

☐ 1 month's supply (Reg. $24.95)	$19.95
☐ 3 month's supply* (Reg. $59.85)	$49.95*
*Plus FREE watch. Indicate Male ☐ or Female ☐	
Postage and Handling	$3.00
Florida residents add 6% sales tax	
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Canada and Foreign: U.S. funds only (no CODs)

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

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